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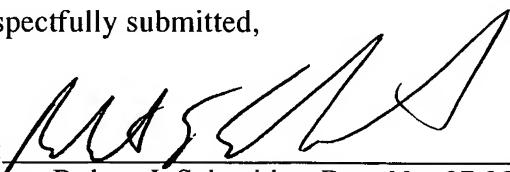
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**REMARKS:**

By this Amendment, claims 1-14 currently pending in the international application have been amended, and new claims 15-20 added, all to more clearly define the invention under U.S. rules and to remove multiple dependency. The contents of the priority application, Japanese Pat. App. Ser. No. 2002-244811 filed August 26, 2002, and the international application, PCT/JP03/10276 filed August 13, 2003, are hereby incorporated in this application by reference.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 50-0305. The Examiner is encouraged to call the attorneys for Applicant(s) at the direct number (312) 845-3919 with any questions that arise in connection with this application.

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